Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0048] with the following amended paragraph:

[0048] Samples of the substantially purified TNF Inhibitory Protein of the invention (1-5 µg, 50-200 pmol each) were applied to pretreated, biobrane-coated glass-fiber discs. The dried discs were subjected to repetitive cycles of Edman degradation in an automated pulsed liquid-gas-phase protein micro-sequencer (Model 475) with an on-line HPLC PTH-amino acid analyzer (Model 120) and a data acquisition and processing unit (Model 900, all from Applied Biosystems Inc. Foster City, CA, U.S.A.). The computer-derived sequence was compared with the raw data and was corrected when necessary. Altogether three separate analyses were performed in order to confirm the sequence data. The initial yield was over 40%, indicating that the major protein in the preparation (the 27 kDa band) is related to the resulting sequence. This sequence analysis establishes that the TNF Inhibitory Protein of the invention was of sufficient purity to allow determination of the N-terminal amino acid sequence thereof.